

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7379–S7432

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4997–5010, and S. Res. 799. **Pages S7422–23**

Measures Reported:

S. 2610, to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–310)

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Measures Passed:

Duck Boat Safety Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1031, to implement recommendations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7393–95**

Hawley Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7394–95**

Purple Book Continuity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1520, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the publication of a list of licensed biological products, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7396–97**

Cornyn (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2699, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7396–97**

Organization of American States Legislative Engagement Act: Senate passed S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7397–98**

Cornyn (for Wicker/Cardin) Amendment No. 2700, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7397–98**

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National Impaired Driving Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 799, designating December 2020 as “National Impaired Driving Prevention Month”. **Page S7430**

“Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 633, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women’s Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the “Six Triple Eight”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7430–31**

Murkowski (for Moran) Amendment No. 2702, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7430–31**

Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System: Senate passed H.R. 1925, to designate the Manhattan Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the “Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System”, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7431**

Murkowski (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2703, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7431**

Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4983, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gilbert, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7431**

Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7347, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the “Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7431**

Drone Advisory Committee for the 21st Century Act: Senate passed S. 2730, to establish and ensure

an inclusive and transparent Drone Advisory Committee, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7431–32**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 11, 2020. **Page S7432**

House Messages:

Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes. **Page S7397**

Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 900, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bozeman, Montana, as the “Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. **Page S7431**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Page S7432**

Messages from the House: **Page S7421**

Measures Referred: **Page S7421**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COVID–19 VACCINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine the logistics of transporting a COVID–19 vaccine, after receiving testimony from Rachel L. Levine, Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Richard W. Smith, FedEx Express, Memphis, Tennessee; and Wes Wheeler, UPS Healthcare, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

STOP ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine combatting the opioid crisis, focusing on oversight of the implementation of the STOP Act, after receiving testimony from Eric Green, Director, Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Robert Cintron, Vice President, Logistics, United States Postal Service; and Thomas F. Overacker, Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., and Katherine A. Crytzer, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Joseph Dawson III, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business in crisis, focusing on the 2020 Paycheck Protection Program and its future, including S. 4818, to provide assistance to small businesses affected by COVID–19, S. 3814, to establish a loan program for